

AN
EPISTLE
TO THE
FLOCK
OF
Christ Jesus,

(And Professors of Truth in general amongst us)

Being

To them a Tender VISITATION from the
True and Living GOD :

And chiefly intended for such as Profess the
TRUE LIGHT.

By Charles Marshall.

Printed in the Year, 1672.

January 1st, 1828

EPITAPH

TO THE

COLONEL

OF

THE

ARMY

Being

Written by a Friend of the Author

AND LIVING GOD

And chiefly intended for the use of the

TRUTH

By Charles M. Smith

Printed in the Year 1828

(3)

AN
EPISTLE
To the FLOCK of
Christ Jesus,

(And Professors of Truth in general amongst us)
Being to them a Tender VISITATION
from the True and Living GOD, &c.

Dearly Beloved Friends,

When we sate in Darkness, and in the Region
of the shadow of Death, when Darkness
had covered the Earth, and gross Darkness
the People, as well in this professing Nation, as in others,
in this long and tedious Night of Apostacy, wherein even
all Flesh had corrupted its way, and we were seeking the
Living among the Dead; seeking our Bread in desolate
Places, and were cast out into the open Field, and lay poll
uted in our Blood, wounded by Sin and Iniquity, and greatly
distressed for want of the Knowledge of *God's* Way to be call
up in this Day, even in the fulness of the dispensation of
Time, did the Holy Lord God of Heaven and Earth visit
us, a People in this Northern Island, with his Everlasting

(64)

Day-spring from *Jon High*, and this Day was a *Day of Love* beyond all Expressions, which I am from day to day moved of the Lord to call into Remembrance in the Ears of his People; its a Day never to be forgotten: For if the Day of outward *Israel's Visitation*, in outward *Egypt*, was to be kept in a continued Remembrance; how much more ought the Day of the Visitation of *Spiritual Israel*, in *Spiritual Egypt*, in *Spiritual Thraldom*, under the *Spiritual Task-masters*, to be kept in a perpetual Remembrance?

And dear Friends, You know what manner of entrance Truth made in its first Appearance, in the Day of our first tender Visitation; how it regarded not the empty Profession of any, but broke in upon us, pricking us to the Heart, bringing us to a true sence of our inward States and Conditions before the Lord; where, notwithstanding all the fair Shews of Professions, we saw our Immortal Souls in Death, and buried in the Grave of Sin, and the Nature of Transgression exalted above all that was called God in us; and we had not only a sight of this our deplorable State, but also a sight of him whom we had pierced, and whose Countenance we saw marred more then any mans, and his Visage more then the Sons of Men; and here many knew a Day of Mourning, and passing through a Vail of Tears, and a drinking of a Cup of Trembling from the Hand of the Lord: for, our awakened Souls cryed unto the Lord, To be eased from under the Burden and Load of Iniquity, and the Living Lord God bowed down his Ear to the Cry of his *Israel*, and manifested his Mighty Out-stretched Arm of Power, which wrought in us mightily, for the killing and making alive, for the casting down and raising up, and because of the working and operating of the Glorious Power of the

Im

Immortal God, our very Tabernacles trembled, so as that we became as Signs and Wonders to people, yea, to our very Acquaintance and Relations: For we were as a People separated from all Comforts and Delights. And my dear Friends, Although it was thus with many, yet it was a good Day; for the Judgments of the Lord being in the Earth many learned Righteousness: and as this Immortal Power was bowed unto, and lived in, it brought forth the Soul out of the horrible Pit, which was an Answer to the Cries of the panting distressed Heart and Soul.

And so, dear Friends, As the Lord God began an effectual Work by his Immortal, Living, Glorious Power, so hath he by the same been carrying it on these many years amongst us, notwithstanding the great Oppositions it hath met with every way by the power of Darkness, in them that went out from us, and from Men without.

Ah! How hath Leviathan, that crooked Serpent, wrought: under how many ~~Dignities~~ hath he appeared *disguis* in to rend and devour? How many false spirits hath he appeared in? And what endeavour hath the Old Serpent made to bring the Heritage of God into Ashes? But blessed forever be the Name of the Mighty God, who is laying waste that Serpentine spirits working, and will lay it waste, and tread it down forever under the Feet of his Anointed, and will make all their Skirts bare, who have called themselves *Jews*, and were not, but were and are of the Synagogue of Satan, who would have perverted the Right Way of the Lord, and would have risen up in the fullness of the Enmity of the Old Crooked Serpent against the Servants and Messengers of the Everlasting God, whom

(36)
whom they have caused to go with bowed down Souls
before the Lord: Friends, against that spirit, in its Root
and Branches, I have a certain Testimony from the Eter-
nal God (who lives forever) to bear: And We from
God to the Vessels that are still polluted with that spirit.

And dear Friends, Not only this Mercy have
we received from the Hand of the Lord, to wit, The
treading down of the Serpentine spirit, which indeed
I cannot but say, is not one of the least of the Mercies
and Kindnesses of our God; but as the Lord hath ap-
peared wonderful in Power for our inward Deliverances,
so hath he appeared wonderful in Power for our outward
Deliverances, and Preservations from time to time, who
hath bound the Seas with Swadling-bands, and hath said
to the proud Waves, *Hitherto shalt thou come, and no farther*;
Magnified be the Name of the Lord God forever.

And so my dear Friends, On every hand we are an in-
gaged obliged People to the Lord, who hath been dig-
ging, dressing, pruning and watering us his Vineyard,
from Day to Day, from Week to Week, from Assem-
bly to Assembly; and his Living Power, that began
this good Work amongst us, in the Day of our first Tender
Visitation, hath been carrying the same on to this day.

And now dearly beloved Friends, in every place,
this to you is the Message of the Lord of Hosts, the Almight-
ty God, that I have received from his Mouth, and am ne-
cessitated both by Word and Writing to sound in the Ears
of the people of the Lord God, in this Nation peculiarly
which was the first of the Nations that was visited in this
his Everlasting Glorious Day, That the Lord our Righteou-
ness do require his People in every place, *To keep steady
in that Immortal Light of Life, unto which they were directed*

in the Day of their first tender Visitation; in that to feel the
 Verue, Power, and Efficacy of the Girdle of Truth, to
 gird up the Loines of every ones Mind in the Light of
 Righteousness, daily there to wait to feel the Everlast-
 ing Power, and Right Arm of God's Salvation, in Mani-
 festation, Operation, and effectual Working; that so
 thereby that Good and Holy Work, which the Lord God
 began amongst us, in the Day of our first tender Visitation
 (and hath been carrying on to this very day) may now
 be finished and perfected; and the residue of that nature
 (against which the Sword of the Lord hath been forth-
 coming) might utterly be destroyed. And dear Friends, In
 the Name of the Everlasting God, this is the very Work
 of this Day, in and amongst the People of the Lord, and
 in this End doth the Lord spare many, and lengthen out
 the Day of the Tranquillity of this Nation (with which he
 has a sore Controversie, whom he will assuredly visit for its
 Iniquities) and therefore Friends, let all prize their time,
 and the Lovingkindness of the Lord God, that is now exer-
 cising it self unto his People in this Day, wherein he is
 laying his Hand of Love upon those called to be the free
 of his Inheritance, to pull them out of spiritual Sodom, ful-
 ly, and this is the Voice that is to go through unto the
 multitude, and Disobedient amongst us (as it was of old
 against Babylon, come out of Babylon, my People, so now
 against all Babylon's abominations, touch no unclean thing,
 and take no manner of increase with her in her sin, that none may partake
 of her plagues, of 2000 souls has reached the Lord's
 hands; nothing will now please the Lord, but
 the work, and real Cleansing, Sanctification through
 the Holy Body and Spirit, really translated out of the
 Kingdom of Satan, into the Kingdom of the dear Son of

And

And now dear Friends, This perfect Salvation is no way attained, but as there is an abiding in the Way of it, closing with, and being comprehended into that Light of Righteousness, given to us to profit withal, for, that is the Power received, in it is the Vertue of Life known, which no Mind is made worthy of the enjoyment of, but that which can sit at Jesus his Feet, but that Mind which can stoop to the lowest Appearance of Christ Jesus, where the Mind is made as low and little as the Grain of Mustard-seed; here is the Entrance into the Power of Life that gives dominion known; for many miss here, who come not down, so as to be nothing in the love of this World, nor in any created object, to be nothing in Thoughts or Imaginations that are evil; to have no Dalilah, no beloved lust to be as the right Hand, or as the right Eye; for where the mind is in these things entangled, it finds not perfectly the Way of Life, the place of Power and Ability to stand over every Defilement and Temptation, of what nature and kind soever; for the Door of Hope is found in the Valley, where the Mind, Heart and Thoughts come to be as nothing in their own eyes, before the Lord; here the Power hath its passage, and here the Spirit of Life hath its free and perfect operation, to work the Work of God effectually, until man throughout be leavened into the Lump of Life, brought up into the very Image of God; so then every one must come to be as a Child, yea and as a weaned Child too, and here the Word of the Lord in the Heart and Soul goes forward daily; the Lord is weary of the Out-side Professions, and looks before him as the Fig-Tree, that was covered with leaves, but had no Fruit, concerning which Christ Jesus said, *For I have said, I will gather Fruit of thee, and it withered, so will I be with the False and Hypocritical Professions; for none shall*

shall be able to stand in the day of the Lord, that hasten,
but such as come to stand in the Possession of Life it self.

And so dear Friends, That every one may know the
Blood of Sprinkling, that sprinkles the Conscience from
dead Works to serve the Living God in newness of Life;
for where the Blood is not known, even the Life of Je-
sus, but despised and trodden under Foot, there will the
destroying Angel enter, in the Day of his passing through;
for the Whirl-wind of his Wrath will be revealed, to
fan and sweep away the Wicked, and the Sword of the
Lord is bathed in Heaven against the Ungodly; and
therefore Friends, Prize your time, prize your time, wait-
ing daily on the Lord God, that so the Nature of Trans-
gression may be wholly taken away in us, for which the
Mighty God hath a Controversie with the Nations; for
there will be no Hiding-place for any, but the Clean in
Heart, in the Day (at hand) of the dreadful Pleadings
and Rebukes of the Lord God of Heaven and Earth.

And dear Friends, it is upon me to leave this, as the
Counsel of the Lord, upon all the Families of the Lord's
People through this Nation (as may be concerned) That
all Heads of Families, or any that have the Tuition of
Youth, That alwayes in their Families to feel the daily
ruling of God's immortal Power, in that to labour (ac-
cording to their Power) to keep down all Sin and
Iniquity in their Families, and in that to feel Ability
to reach the Witness of God in their Children, and
in this, and Families, that so no Sin nor Iniquity
be in the Families of the Lord's People, but
all be kept sweet and clean, pure and savory before
the Lord, all in his Fear, Dread and awe, out of all
Needless Discourses, Vain Words, Foolish Jestings, but

let your words be few; and they administering Grace to the
 Heavens; that so when the people of the World come to
 your Houses, to have Converse or Commerce with you,
 all being in the Dread, Fear and Awe of the Lord God, in
 the Sweet, Savoury Chaste Life, the Witness of God will
 arise, and make them acknowledge, You are the People
 of the Lord, and that he is with you; and here every one
 in their respective places will be Preachers of Righte-
 ousness, and here in this pure harmless Life we must
 overcome: And this doth the Lord God (in whose
 Hand is the Breath of all Living) require of all the Fa-
 milies of his People. And where any do, or shall walk
 in a contrary life, the Lord God of Eternal Might and
 Strength will visit with the Rod of Affliction.

And dear Friends, it is likewise upon me to warn all,
 in all places, To be careful, that neither you, nor your
 Families, run into Superfluities in Meats, or in Drinks,
 or in Apparel (or into the proud offensive Garbs of the
 World) but in all these things let us all keep in our
 first Fear, Dread and Awe, that in none of these things
 provision may be made for the Flesh, to fulfil the Lust
 thereof.

And dear Friends, it is also upon me to warn all, in
 all places, To beware of trusting, or having a life in Un-
 certain Riches, or in any External thing; and that at all
 times, and in all places, all keep out of the many and
 needless words; both in dealing, and in all your Converse
 and Commerce with the World, let your words be few:
 For Friends, there is a great Hurt sustained in a multi-
 tude of words; for by it is the Mind drawn forth, and
 the spirit of the World let in, through which the conti-
 nued sense of the Presence of the Lord is lost, and also

our Testimony weakened against the World therein, and also thereby the Opportunity is lost of reaching the Witnesses of God in the World, on all Occasions of having to do with them.

And therefore dearly beloved Friends, I beseech you in the Bowels of the Love of God, in the moving of God's Eternal Spirit and Power, That in your Dealings you use few words; and be Equal, Just and Upright, and do not be drawn forth in many words, in answering that Mind that is out of the Dread and Fear of the Lord; but after you have put a Price on your Commodities which is Equal, and as you can sell them, then if the Persons you are dealing with, multiply words, stand you silent in the Fear, Dread and Awe of God, and this will answer the Witnesses of God in them you are dealing with; and if this should not please people at first, yet you will see it will quickly overcome; so that you in your Dealings therein keep out of the spirit of the World, out of all Covetousness, Over-reaching, and Craftiness, in the Harmless Life, seeking the Kingdom only, and let other things come as Additions: So all being diligent in the pure Fear of the Lord, out of the love of these Worldly things, abiding in the Love of God, and seeking the Kingdom that is not of this World, you will see great Opportunity in your Dealings of reaching unto people, and thereby Thousands may be reached, convinced, and brought to the Truth.

And all Friends, be watchful over your own Hearts, in the Fear and Dread of the Lord, in the first moving Cause of Marriage, that none that profess to walk in the United Way of the Lord may run into the lusts of the Flesh, and of the Eye (in which ground stands all the polluted Marriages of the World) but all to try the very ground

of their love and affection, whether it stands in the Covenant of God, in the clean Life of Righteousness, for, although it is the very truth, That Marriage is honourable, the Bed must be undefiled, which is a near word, and judgeth most Marriages in the World, that are begun, carried on, and finished out of the Fear and Dread of the living God.

And Friends, I am moved of the Lord God to warn all, to try the first moving Cause of every ones *Desire* and *Willingness* to Marry this or the other Person, and that when it first springs in their Hearts, when it is in the bud; for then, if by bringing it to the Light, it be found not wrought in God, but in the spirit of this World, it is easie cut off, and broken; but if it still continue, and way is gave to it, then it becomes a Mountain, and the persevering thereon draws the Mind so far out into the Affectionate part, as that it so veils and darkens the Heart, that the thing seems right in the consideration, although altogether the working of the destroying Enemy: and here stands the ground of the running out of the Affections of Friends. (or such as profess Truth) to Men and Women of the World, which for want of the keeping of the first Motion out, to that abominable thing, loseth the sence of the Truth, so persevereth therein to the ruining their Condition in the Truth, and to the displeasing of the Holy Lord God, and causing his dear Name to be blasphemed, and to the easing and gratifying of the World, of which Practice I warn all in the Fear and Dread, and by the Power and Spirit of the Lord God, to beware, and all such things will be avoided, as heed is taken in the first Thought to any such thing. And let all know, that whoever have been or shall be guilty in this thing notwithstanding they may be darkened,

and lose their sense; yet it is great Wickedness in the sight of the Holy Lord God, that is in the midst of us, and with all such will the Lord plead; and a Cup of Trembling from the Hand of the Lord must all such drink, and know his Judgments to bow them down, before perfect Peace with the Lord they know, and before they can recover their former Splendor in the Truth.

And all dear Friends everywhere, whose Hearts are engaged in the Concern of God's Truth and People, let the sharp Sword of the Lord be in your Hearts, Hands and Mouthes against this thing.

And dear Friends, If any see that a single Condition is not best for them, then let all wait to be guided in the Truth in the changing their Conditions, and not to run as the World's people do many times, from place to place, and from Person to Person, having their Affections resting one while on one Object, and another time on another, and it may be so on so many, which is a wrong thing, and Destruction every way attends it; but all in the pure Fear of the Lord (that keepeth the Heart clean) proceed, seeing their way clear and plain in the sense of Truth, out of all the World's Sleights, and Bargainings, and Folly, that attend the manningment of such things.

And, all Masters and Mistresses, and Heads of Families, all to stand in their places, in the exercise of pure Meek Spirits to their Servants and Children; not in the Merciless spirit of the World, which would require of their servants more then they have Ability to perform comfortably; but out of that let all keep in the love of God, awaiting on him for Wisdom, that every one may know their places.

And

And all Servants to stand in the subject diligent State, in Mookness; and I warn all Servants, processing Truth, To keep low in the Fear and Dread of the Lord, out of High-mindedness and Pride, and out of all Eye-service, waiting on the Lord to know your places in all things, and herein you will adorn the Truth.

And also, it is upon me in the Fear, Dread and Counsel of the Lord, to warn all in all places of that thing Joseph warned his Brethren, viz. *of falling out by the way*; that there be no way given to the least appearance of that which would make any Rent, Schism, or Division; for every Vessel that shall set up that spirit that thirsteth to Envy, that spirit that hurries into Passions, that spirit that will Back-bite, and Whisper in secret, through which Breaches come, the Hand of God Almighty is against every such Instrument; the Dread of the Lord of Hosts, as a Consuming Fire, will break out against all such Vessels that shall continue in any such spirit; for the Spirit of Truth his Nature is, To bring forth the very contrary Fruits in all such Vessels where it lives, and reigns and rules; all such their life is Peace, and such are Peace-Makers; such cannot rest or be contented while there stands any thing betwixt them and a Brother or Sister, if they be concerned therein; such a one, seeing any Iniquity in his Brother or Sister, will be the tender breaking Bowels of tender Love, go to his Brother or his Sister and say, *My Brother, or My Sister, do not offend or grieve our tender Father, who hath dealt so tenderly with us*; and so in the Heart-breaking Love he will labour with his Brother or with his Sister, and if not received will let no Resentment nor Anger arise, nor will not hurt out his Brother, but if there will be no reception, there will be a single stand.

standing in the Love and Simplicity of Truth; and he
 who, that shall not so receive, shuts themselves out.

And if there be a Controversie between any, where
 the Life of Truth is known, if there be but the least fly-
 ing, yet the most Innocent will be ready to acknow-
 ledge, first, that with the Love of God he may break down
 and overcome the Mountain in his Brother; and this Spirit
 ruling, which is the Spirit of the Saviour of the World; no
 rent, schism or division can live, or have an existence among
 the People of the Lord; against which Spirit, that causes divi-
 sion, the Hand of the Lord is; and wo from God to all whose
 hearts and spirits do not subject to that which seeks Peace,
 and delights in no other thing; the living God requires this
 of all his People; and if there be the least of the contrary in
 any heart, I beseech all such in the Bowels of Love, that
 they would presently put it away, and flee from it, as from
 the Devourer of God's Heritage, lest that Day overtake,
 wherein there would be gladness, were there an Opportu-
 nity so to do; so that, dear Friends, all may dwell together
 in the Unity of the one Eternal Spirit of Life and Peace,
 in which to feel your hearts united; for he or she that lo-
 veth not their Brother, how dwelleth the Love of God in
 them? and so as the Apostle well said, *Mark them that cause
 Division, and out of their Divisions keep forever.* And dear
 Friends, where ever any thing of Division or Distance re-
 mains in any heart, I earnestly beseech you seek speedily
 an end to it; for God's Controversie is gone out against all
 things of this nature, and the Wrath of the Lord is and will
 be renewed against all such things; and therefore, *O Israel,*
 put away this accursed thing where it is found; and let eve-
 ry soul desire and press in the practice thereof, into the live-
 ly state of Brethren, dwelling together in Unity; and here
 the Blessing of the Life and Vertue of the Endless Foun-
 tain

rain of Goodness will flow over all, and here all will be knit together as by Joynts and Bands, all holding the Head, and knowing their places in the Body; here one Member will not say to another, *I have no need of thee*; but all will see need one of another, here no stop will be put to the current of Life, but through all it will run, even from Vessel to Vessel; in which state God Almighty preserve us all for ever and ever.

And all Friends everywhere, quench not the Spirit of the Lord in your selves, nor in one another; nor let any resist or judge the Power of the Lord God, although in a tender Babe, that cannot yet speak plain, for where any do thus hurt the tender Lambs of Christ's Fold, and stop the bubblings up of Life, it brings a Barrenness over their own Souls, and over such Assemblies they belong unto.

And so dear Friends, as there may be and hath been a false forward birth, that hath or may run before, to the burdening and grieving God's Heritage (which birth the Lord hath and will destroy) so there hath been a stopping, and quenching, and resisting the Requirings of the Power, to the hurt of many, and to the hindring of the growth of many, and to the hindring the Prosperity of Truth in the general, for some being in the sight and under the grief of the false untimely birth in some, have resisted the Motion of God's Holy Spirit in themselves, whereby two Evils have proceeded at once, viz. The Exaltation of the false, and the suppressing of the true Birth; so as that my eye seeth some men, unto whom God hath given Gifts, and upon whose spirits the Requirings of God's Power they have felt, and through their Reasonings (as aforesaid) and looking out, have even hurt the Birth of God's begetting, to the bringing Deadness and Heaviness over themselves, and to the hindring of their growth; and therefore as on the one

hand the false forward birth is to be kept down forever, whose end is alwayes something, either to be great, or looked at, or to have ease or prosperity in the Flesh; and also, that it may have its way in the lusts thereof; for all such births center in those things, notwithstanding all fair and fine Appearances at Times and Seasons, or for a Time or Season: so on the other hand, the true Birth is to come up. And therefore in the Name, Strength and Power of the God of Heaven, arise, arise, thou Seed of the Covenant, and come forth, and shew thy self, and work in thy Father's Vineyard, break through, ah thou breathing panting Birth, and in thy Father's Strength break every *Bond* and *Chain*, that hath held thee under: Arise *Sion*, and shine, for thy Light is come, and the *Glory* of the *Lord* is arisen upon thee.

Arise *Sion*, and thresh the Mountains, and beat the lofty Hills to Dust; for into thy Hand hath and will the Mighty God, the great Jehovah, put a sharp threshing Instrument; And so, dear Friends, in this thing let every one be careful to walk in the even Path of Life eternal; in which Path every eye will be single, and the whole body will be full of Light; here every one will see and know the time when to speak, and when to be silent; for the true Birth's Life is in the Will and Power of the *Lord*, and at his Time and Requirements brings forth; such sacrifice not to their own Nets, nor will ever seek an Interest of their own amongst any, but honor God alone, and be as *Worms* before the *Lord*: but it is not so with the false birth, its life is not in Meekness, but it is in the contrary: so here all may know the Motions of the one from the other: Where the true Motion of Life is, there it lives; the more the Mind is brought into stillness, to wait on the *Lord*, and there the Will of God comes to be sealed to the Understanding. And all Friends everywhere, keep diligent your Meetings; for our Meetings were set up by the *Lord*.

God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and in his Counsel they now stand; and the Lord requires his People now to meet as boldly, as constantly, as diligently as ever, without any regard to what man can do unto you, because we know we meet not in *refractoriness* to any man on Earth, but purely in *Obedience* to the *Living God*, that doth require it of his People; and whatever draws from Meetings, in part, or wholly, draws from God, and is an Antichristian spirit, let it appear when, and where, and in what Vessel soever; and God's infinite Power and Dread will tread that spirit down forever: therefore dear Friends, let none forsake the Assembling of themselves together, *as the manner of some was in the Apostles dayes*, and also in our dayes; and if any do thus for fear, or for saving their Estates, or worldly Goods, and so fears to come forth to confess the Name of the Lord before men, that will prove an evil Snare to as many as go into and keep in it; for this is a way to bring a Curse upon themselves, and all they have; and where any depart from Meetings to save an outward Estate, and do not give up to the Power of the immortal God, to divide them from that spirit, the outward (for which they have left the Lord) will be rent from them, or they from it; and then when such a one shall lose that, and his Peace with God also, what a miserable horrid state will that be? which will be the state of all them *that sell their Birth-right for a Mess of Pottage*. And Friends, this I know, and therefore in the Name of the Lord declare it, *God doth and will appear mightily in the Assemblies of his People, and arise in them, in the magnificency of his eternal Power, to the astonishment of the Heathen that know not God, & to the gathering many lost Sheep.*

And Friends, these are the ends of our Meetings, to wit, *Our daily Edification, through the manifestation and workings of his eternal Power in our hearts, in our Assemblies, and therein, and thereby for God we give a Testimony against all the false Professions, and*
false

Meetings in the whole World; and stand as a City set upon a hill, to gather to the Lord the Out-casts of Israel, and the Dispersed of Jacob; and at the Report of the Holy Ghost descending in our Assemblies, as in Ages past, shall many gather to them, and be pricked in the heart, and be turn'd from the evil of their ways, and be brought to the Mountain of God's Holiness, now to be exalted in and over the top of all Mountains. And Friends, Where any have been visited with God's Everlasting Day springing from on high, and have made open Profession and Confession of God's Everlasting Truth, and have eried from the holy Commandment, through which they have made Shipwrack of Faith and of a good Conscience, and thereby have gone into the evil spirit, or into any Iniquity in their dealings and commerce with the Sons and Daughters of men, or into any evil whatsoever, that have or do cast a Stumbling-block in the way of the Weak, or have caused the dear, and precious, and honourable Name of the Lord to be blasphemed amongst the Heathen, his Truth and People to be reflected upon; to all such I say, in the Name of the Lord, Return unto the holy Light of Righteousness, from which all such have erred, there to wait for the arising of the living Power of the living God, to heal your Backslidings, that ye may know the free Love of God to come over all again, and to feel a Testimony arise in you against any thing you have committed, that hath caused his dear Name to be blasphemed, and his Truth and People to be reproached, and the hearts of any to be hardened; which Testimony you are to bear as publickly as the Transgression has been, according to the nature of the Offence against God, his Truth and People, even so must the Testimony go out against it, in the Fear and Dread of the Lord God, and in the brokenness of Heart and Spirit before him: And where the Backslider in heart and conversation doth not thus return, in the Name of the Lord I declare, That the Day hastens wherein the Hand of the Lord God will find all such out, and they shall be made an Astonishment to themselves, and to others.

others, for the living God hath determined to cleanse the
 of his Truth and People: And where any such do not return
 a sense of what they have done in their backsliding
 the Lord, and not declare against themselves to the
 of Truth, then is it the Duty of the People of the Lord
 keep their Garments unspotted, after they have dealt
 all such tenderly, according to the order of the Gospel
 Peace, to give a Testimony against all such Persons
 Practices, that are out of, and against the Truth, and
 Testimony is to go forth according to the nature of
 Offence, that the House may be cleansed, and all
 pure and sweet, and all may be clear of the Iniquity,
 of the Blood of all men. And so dear Friends, in
 Light of Righteousness let us all keep our Habitations
 continual watchful state, in which we shall all grow, as
 Willows by the Water-courses, and be preserved out of
 the Snares and Wiles of the Enemy, in the Light of Right-
 ness, in which the Arm of the Lord God preserve us all
 to the end of our days, that every day we may perfect
 ness in his Fear, which will be to the Glory of the Most
 God, and Comfort of every faithful Follower of the Lord.

*Given forth in Obedience to the Requirings of the Spirit of the Lord
 through him who is a Traveller for Sion's Redemption,*

Charles Marshall

THE END.